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6 Additional observations, it necessary:

Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial
applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1 Statement

Novelty (N) Claims

Claims Inventive step (IS)

Industrial applicability (IA) Claims

2 Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

## WRITTEN OPINION SEPARATE SHEET

## Re Item V

Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability: citations and explanations supporting such statement

- Reference is made to the following document.
  - DT WO 02/38891 A (BEAIRD IND INC) 16 May 2002
- 2. From the wording of claim 1, the reader would assume that the first cylindrical tower segment can be varied in length by a possible extension or retraction of this part (e.g. a telescopic variation in its length). However from the description and figures it rather seems that the kit comprises a plurality of flist cylindrical tower segments of differing lengths ranging from a minimum to a maximum length from which one would be chosen for use in a particular tower, the height of which would be determined by the choice of first cylindrical tower segment. The examination of the claims is based on such an interpretation of claim 1. A similar interpretation with respect to the "further tower segment" has been applied to dependent claim 5.

As it currently stands, the wording of claims 1 and 5 should be amended to clarify the definition of the flist cylindrical tower segment and further tower segment respectively. Such a clarification in accordance to the above interpretations would entail having a plurality of first cylindrical tower segments (or further tower segments respectively) of different lengths ranging from a minimum to a maximum length. The applicant should take care when amending the claim to use a wording which conforms as closely as possible to the originally filed application so as not to introduce unallowable additional subject-matter (Article 34(2)(b) PCT).

- According to the interpetation of the claims outlined in section 2 above, the subject-matter of claims 1-9 would appear to satisfy the criteria of novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability as required by Article 33 PCT.
- 4 Contrary to the requirements of Rule 5.1(a)(ii) PCT, the relevant background art disclosed in the document D1 is not mentioned in the description, nor is this document identified therein